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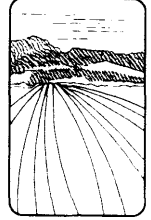
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To Whom it May Concern:

Please include into the record the attached comments as my written testimony regarding Docket No. FHWA-1997-2979. - 54

If you have any questions, or if I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 503-986-4668.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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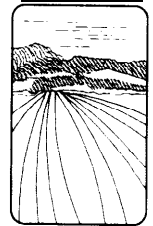
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RE: Air-Weigh Seeking Approval of On-Board Scales By FHWA for Use in Weighing Household Goods.

It has been brought to our attention that Air-Weigh is working with the moving industry to get the Federal Highway Administration (**FHWA**) to allow the use of on-board scales for billing purposes as it relates to the transportation of household goods.

The State of Oregon requires two things:

- 1) Any weighing or measuring device that is used commercially for the measurement of quantities, things, vehicles, produce, or articles for distribution or consumption, purchases, offered or for sale, hire, or award, **or in computing any basic charge or payment for services rendered on the basis of weight or measure**, or in determining weight or measure when a charge is made for such determination must be licensed, tested and approved by the Department of Agriculture Measurement Standards Division.
- 2) Oregon is an **NTEP** (National Type Evaluation Program) state and as such requires any commercial weighing or measuring instrument or device to be issued a Certificate of Conformance traceable to **NIST** (National Institute of Standards and Technology).

It is our understanding that Air-Weigh does not have a Certificate of Conformance for this device, therefore it would not be legal for trade in the State of Oregon. Once again to be Legal for Trade in Oregon the device is required to **NTEP** approved, licensed and tested by this Department.

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